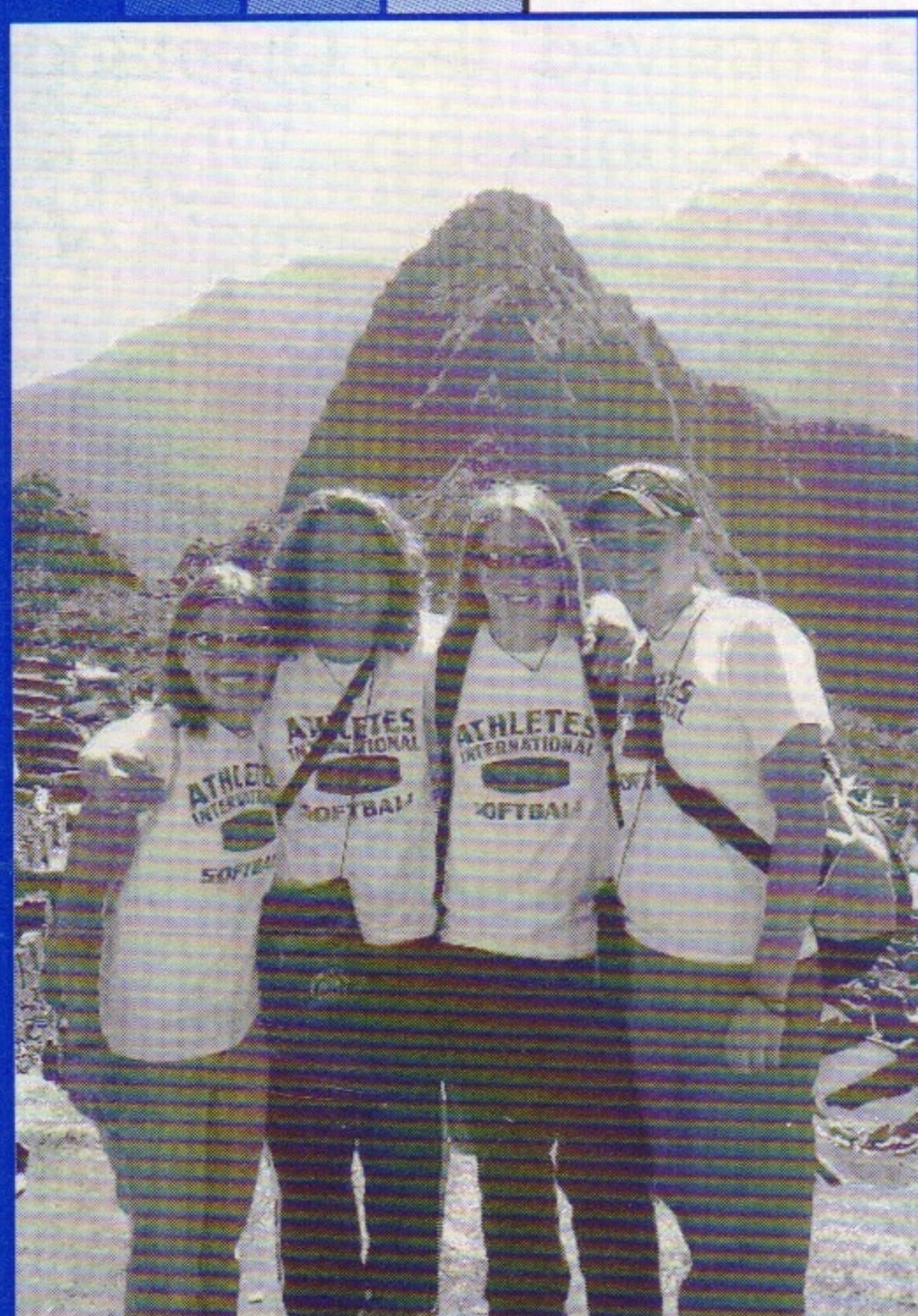
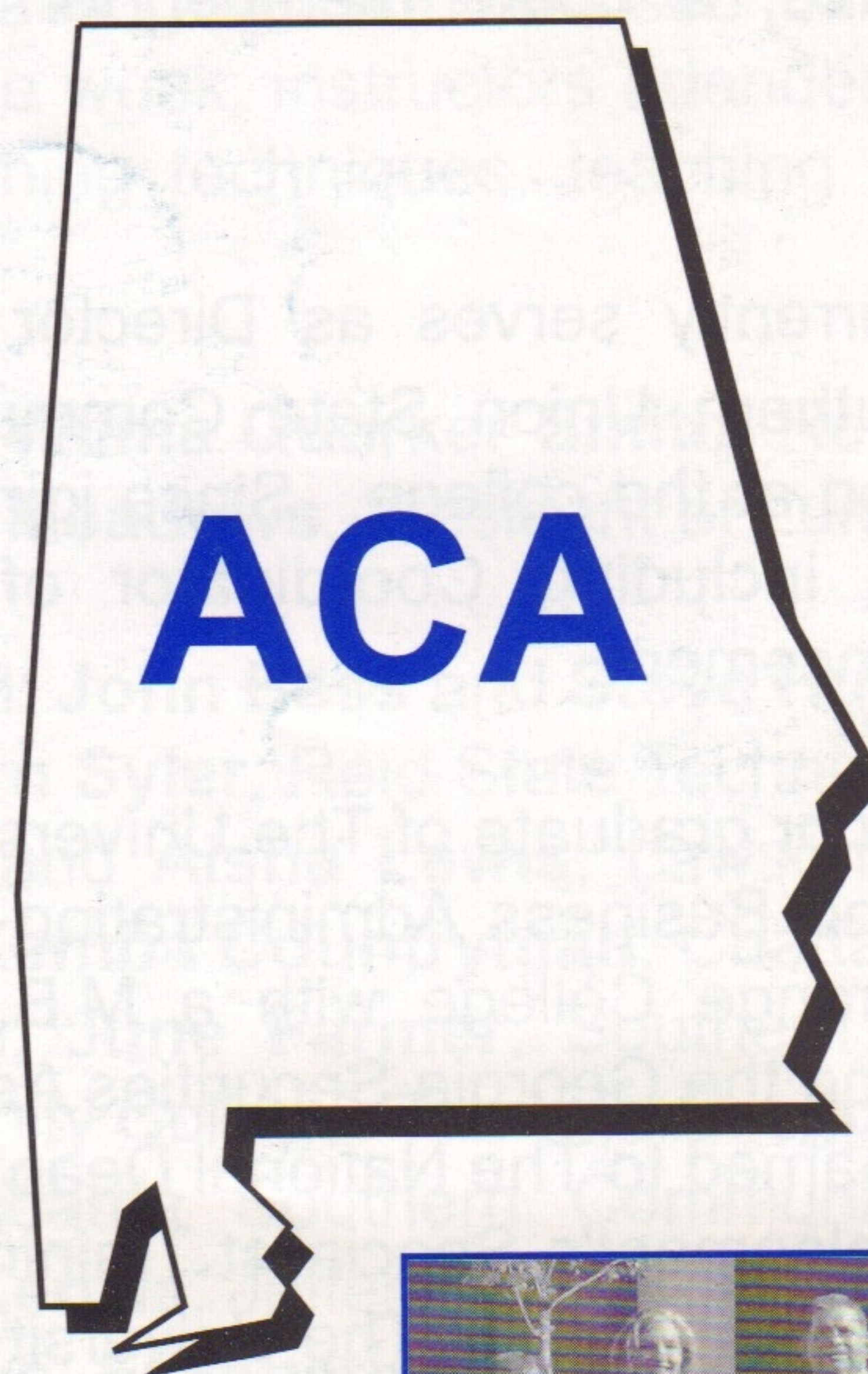
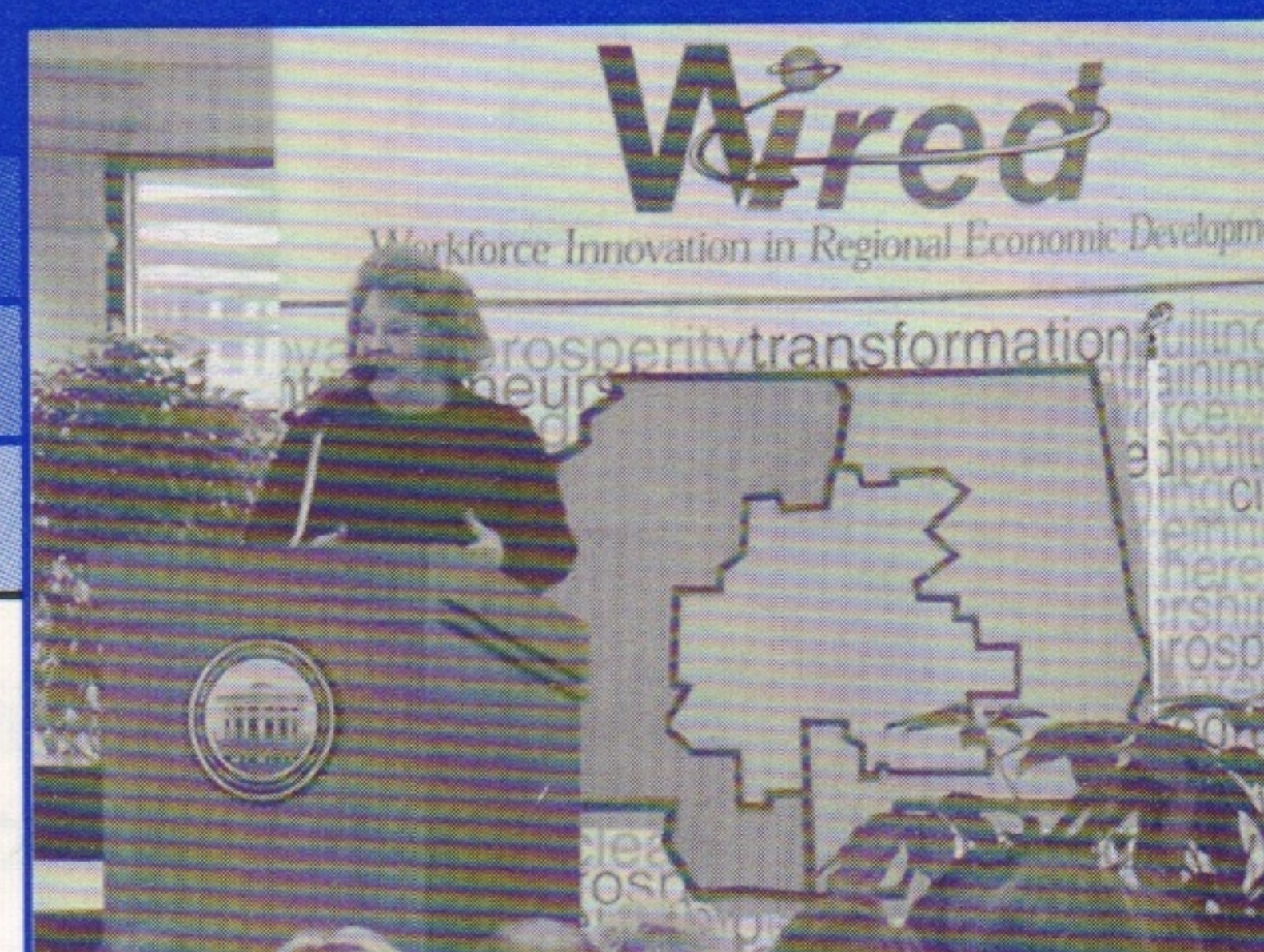


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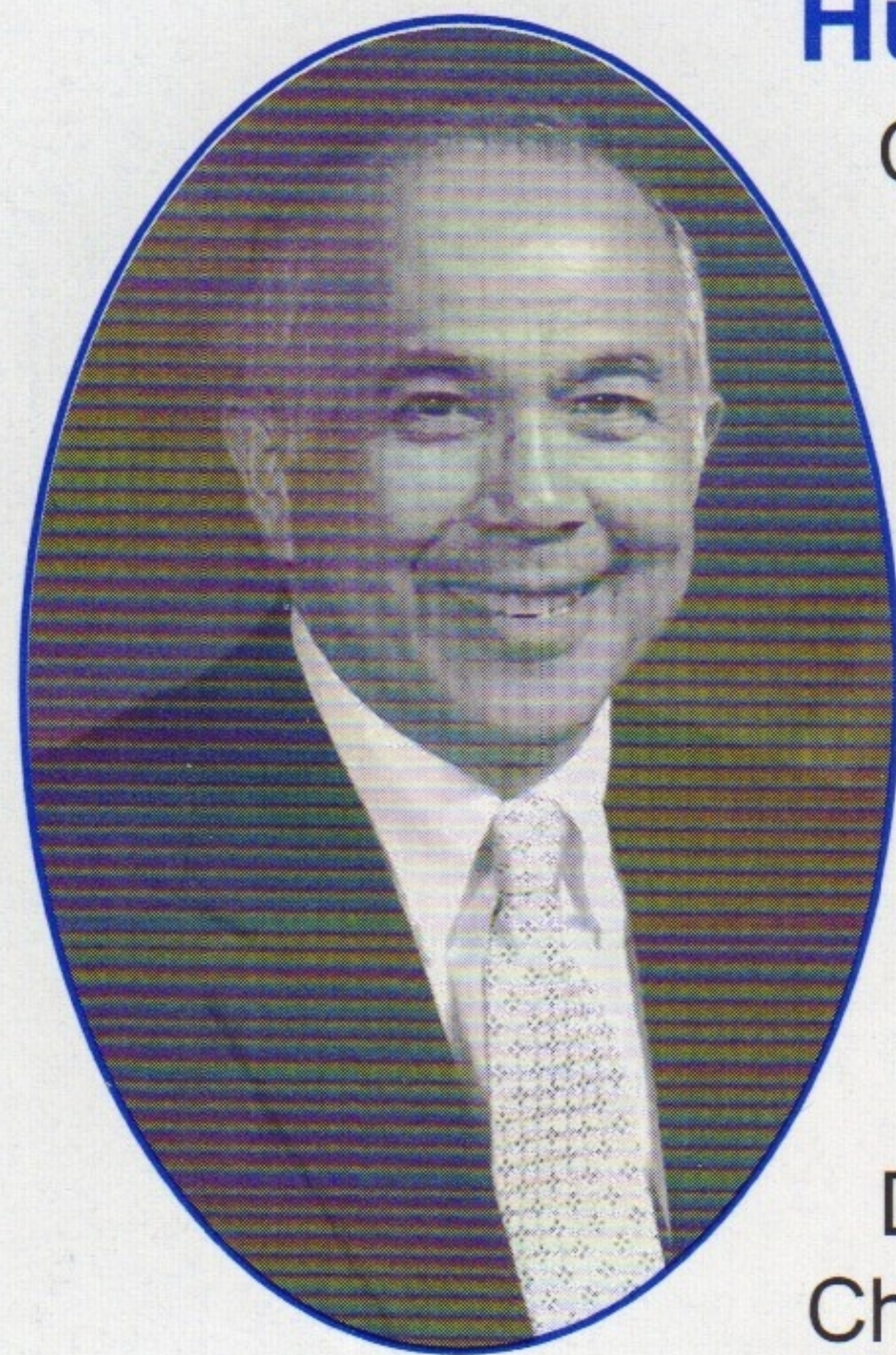
The Alabama College Association: Focusing on the Future

Focusing on the Future

Alabama College Association 2006 Elections

Ballots for the position of Second Vice-President for the Alabama College Association will soon be distributed to ACA member institutions. Election results will be announced at the annual ACA conference in November.

Candidate Information



Humphrey Lee, Ed.D currently serves as the President of Northwest-Shoals Community College. Dr. Lee has over 30 years of experience in higher education. Prior to serving as President of Northwest-Shoals, he served as Dean of Students at Shelton State Community College for 25 years and was an active member of the Alabama Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (ALACRAO).

Dr. Lee received all of his education at the University of Alabama including bachelor, masters, and doctorate degrees. In recent years, Dr. Lee has been honored with such awards as Outstanding Student Services Officer of the Year. He is the regional coordinator for Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges.

Dr. Lee also currently serves as chairman-elect on the board of directors of the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, a board member for Safeplace, and is a member of Rotary International.



Steve Spratlin currently serves as Director of Institutional Research, Planning and Development at Southern Union State Community College. He also serves as SACS Accreditation Liaison at the college. Since joining the college in 1991, he has served in several positions including Coordinator of Special Activities and Coordinator of Institutional Advancement.

Spratlin is an honor graduate of The University of Alabama where he received his B.S. in Commerce and Business Administration majoring in accounting. He graduated in 1999 from LaGrange College with a M.B.A and received the Outstanding M.B.A. Student Award and the Georgia Securities Association scholarship. While at LaGrange College, he was named to The National Dean's List. Spratlin is a graduate of the Council for Resource Development's Specialist Training Program and has completed additional continuing education programs at The University of Alabama.

Spratlin has been active in the Alabama College Association for many years having served as Commission on Administration Chair and Vice Chair, Evaluation Coordinator, and Interest Group Chair. He is a member of The Alabama College System Public Relations Association and has served as its president. As a member of the Council for Alabama Resource Development, he has served as President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer. He was selected as Southern Union's Chancellor's Award nominee twice. He also served on the Chancellor's Alabama Center for Commerce Exhibition Steering Committee.

He also serves as assistant director of the Miss Southern Union Pageant; is in the current class of the Alabama Community College Leadership Academy; is a graduate of Leadership Randolph County and serves on its Steering Committee; serves as a board member for the Randolph County Relay for Life; served on the Randolph County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; served as Randolph County United Way Advisory Board Chair; and served as Randolph County Partners In Education President.

Focusing on the Future

Alabama College Association Announces New Website

The Alabama College Association (ACA) recently added a new tool in the promotion of the organization's mission and goals when its website was unveiled. The site address is www.alabamacollegeassociation.org.

The website will help ACA promote its mission as well as the professional development of employees from the Alabama College System.

Visitors to the website can learn more about the association, view the association's publications, learn information about the ACA Conference, and view information about ACA's affiliate and institutional members. Members of the association have been asked to provide a link to ACA's site from their own websites in order to increase the visibility of the ACA website.

"We are very excited with this additional promotional tool for ACA," said Jefferson State Community College's **Dr. Linda Hooton**, president of ACA. "With the website, we will not only be able to promote ACA's mission and that of the Alabama College System, but we will be able to provide continual information about our annual conference with updates throughout the year."

Master Teacher Seminar Held at LBWCC

The 7th annual Alabama Master Teacher Seminar was held recently at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. The seminar is a one-week intensive training session focused on improving teaching and learning in the Alabama College System. Throughout the week, instructors attended sessions focused on motivational methods, innovative teaching strategies, listening techniques, teaching demonstrations, learning strategies, and more.

Guest speakers for the seminar included **Wilma Quarker Smith**, Reid State Technical College; **Alicia Taylor**, Calhoun Community College; and **Dr. Ed Meadows**, president of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College.

Participants in this year's seminar included: **John Bess** and **Steve Hubbard**, LBW Community College; **Coretta Boykin**, **Elaine Singleton**, and **Mary Allyn Syler**, Reid State Technical College; **Johnny Brewer**, Snead State Community College; **Chantae Calhoun** and **Aisha Lewis**, Lawson State Community College; **Tony Cobb**, Gadsden State Community College; **Dr. Kemba Countryman**, Chattahoochee Valley Community College; **Sue Cox**, Wallace State Community College; **June Farmer**, Southern Union State Community College; **John Golben** and **Rita Mintz**, Calhoun Community College; **Tammie Gregg** and **Terra Womack**, Wallace Community College, Dothan; **Wanda Hudson**, Alabama Southern Community College; **Gail Hyatt**, Wallace State Community College, Hanceville; **Gail McKenzie**, Jefferson State Community College; **Cornelia Miller** and **Misti Nims**, Jefferson Davis Community College; **Elizabeth Mitchell**, Central Alabama Community College; **Deloris Smothers**, Drake State Technical College; and **Lee Tucker**, Shelton State Community College.

Staff members for this year's seminar included: **Dr. Ron Van Houten**, director, Central Alabama Community College; **Kristy White**, assistant Director, L.B. Wallace Community College; **Darrell Hagler**, lead Facilitator, Shelton State Community College; **Barbara Anne Spears**, program Coordinator, Department of Postsecondary Education; **Harold Johnson**, facilitator, L.B. Wallace Community College; **Buddy Combs**, facilitator, Jefferson Davis Community College; **Angela Gibson Wible**, facilitator, Shelton State Community College; **Fran Davidson**, facilitator, L.B. Wallace Community College; **Don Reeves**, facilitator, Northeast Alabama Community College; and **Judy McLaney**, coordinator of Hospitality, L.B. Wallace Community College. **Joree Jones** of L.B. Wallace Community College served as the college's liaison.

The Alabama Master Teacher Seminar is a product of the Alabama Teaching and Learning Initiative.

Focusing on Progress

Northwest-Shoals Introduces the OneCard

NW-SCC students, faculty and staff will be sporting new and enhanced college identification cards as a result of a recent agreement between the College and Higher One, a financial services firm focused on creating customized solutions for higher education. NW-SCC became the first community college in the state to engage in this endeavor.

The new OneCard provides students, faculty and staff with the OneAccount, which links Higher One's customized financial system with the College's administrative financial system. The card will function as a MasterCard debit card acceptable at merchants worldwide. The service makes it possible for students to receive financial aid and other College refunds electronically to their OneAccount.

"The new system will allow the College to put refunds in the hands of students much more efficiently than in the past," said **Dr. Paul Merrill**, NW-SCC Chief Fiscal Officer. "Plus, students and faculty will have the added benefit of using the MasterCard debit card in more venues if they desire."

Higher One's service is the only comprehensive refund management solution available today and features no setup costs, minimum involvement with schools' IT systems, and a unique revenue-sharing benefit for the college. With OneDisburse students can choose any of three options to receive financial aid and other refunds: direct deposit to the free OneAccount checking account, ACH to another bank checking account, or a paper check.

Alabama Southern Hosts Leadership Forum

Alabama Southern Community College recently hosted the first annual Leadership Forum/Retreat for local high school seniors. The event served as an opportunity for students to build leadership skills through team building and ropes training activities.

The event was facilitated by Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound Specialists at Alabama Southern and instructors and administrators of the college including **Lee Taylor** who served as a speaker. Others participating included **Bridgett Shewmake**, **Ann Clanton**, **Donna Estill**, **Edwan O'Neal**, **Rachel Powell** and **Cassidy Lofton** who served as facilitators for ropes course training.

Tour Benefits JDCC's Foundation

The Jefferson Davis Community College Foundation recently sponsored Art & Architecture: Brewton Spring Tour of Homes to raise funds for scholarships and the JDCC Honors Program.

Visitors toured homes built from 1914 to 2000 and attended a luncheon at The Country Club of Brewton, where former JDCC student and nationally renowned folk artist Bernice Sims told stories about her original paintings that were on display.

Rosemary Jernigan, JDCC Foundation board member and

chair of the event, said the tour was a success and thanked the homeowners, sponsors, and many volunteers that made the event possible.

"We were delighted with the response we received," Jernigan said. "We had more than 250 people who came on tour buses or in their cars from cities in Florida, Georgia and Alabama."

The event raised more than \$22,000.

"We offered a challenge by choice approach to the students," said Shewmake. "We encouraged them to challenge themselves and to step out of their comfort zone. We also gave them three goals for the day — to be safe, to learn, and to be successful and I definitely believe we achieved those goals through the activities of the day."

Students who participated were actively involved in their local high schools' clubs and organizations, had a GPA of 80 or higher, plan to attend Alabama Southern and are interested in obtaining a Leadership Scholarship to Alabama Southern.

Focusing on Progress

EOCC Alumnus Visits Campus

Jimmy Mauldin recently visited Enterprise - Ozark Community College to encourage students and others to consider a career in public service. His appearance was part of the Hometown Diplomat Program sponsored by the U.S. State Department.

Mauldin credits much of his success to attending what was then Enterprise State Junior College. He later graduated from the University of Alabama, eventually earning a Master's Degree in Business.

"The first thing I can say about going to college here (at Enterprise) is that I had the chance to get involved in extra-curricular activities," Mauldin noted. "Instructors here encouraged me and helped give me confidence."

Mauldin now resides in India where, since January 2005, he has been working with economic affairs for the U.S. State Department.

"As a student here, a job with the State Department never crossed my mind," Mauldin continued. "Right now, I'm helping Indian citizens who want to come to the United States with visa applications."

Mauldin said working behind the scenes for the organization responsible for the recent visits to India by President George W. Bush, and former presidents Carter and Clinton, is a gratifying part of his current position and for his long-term commitment to make a difference in the world.

Wallace Hanceville Teams with Apple

Wallace State is one of a few colleges and universities to be accepted into the initial rollout of iTunes University, a free, hosted service for colleges and universities that uses Apple's iTunes software to provide access to educational content, including class lectures and interviews.

Only one other community college in the nation has been accepted as an iTunes U provider.

"We are excited about our newest technology initiative. It harnesses the power of mp3 technology to deliver learning to students without constraints of time or place," said **Dr. Vicki Hawsey**, president of Wallace State. "We believe that this will significantly increase learning opportunities for students."

According to **Bruce Tenison**, director of campus technology, Apple will pilot a program on the Wallace State campus to install kiosks that will allow students to dock their iPods and download podcasting content. "We will be the only campus with this

technology, initially," said Tenison. The kiosks will allow students without immediate access to a computer or the internet to download content directly to their ipod or mp3. Eventually, students will be able to purchase Apple iPods and other devices through the college's bookstore.

Wallace State will be responsible for providing podcasts of lectures, promotional material and other educational content. Podcasting is a free service that allows Internet users to download audio and video files to their computer or personal mp3 digital player. Users subscribe to a particular podcast and receive automatic updates. By storing the files on a computer or audio/video player, subscribers have the freedom to listen to the material at anytime and from any location.

Lynn Harris, Wallace State's Instructional Designer and Trainer, said the school wants to provide material to students in the most convenient and technologically advanced format. "We're trying really hard to move away from the traditional hour-and-a-half lecture model," Harris said. "That's why we're interested in this."

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Focusing on Accomplishments

Salatto Named President



Southern Union President **Susan Salatto** agrees with the adage that there is no place like home.

"I am very excited about coming home to Southern Union," commented President Salatto. Salatto returned to Southern Union as the college's fifteenth president effective June 1.

Salatto, who attended Southern Union as a student, most recently served as Interim President of Central Alabama Community College. Prior to her appointment

at CACC in September 2004, Salatto spent almost 30 years at Southern Union where she served in a variety of positions. She began her career at the college as a speech communication and political science instructor. From there she moved into numerous administrative positions including Dean of Student Development, the position she held before assuming the presidency at CACC.

"The tradition that this college holds is matched by very few," said Salatto. "Throughout the years, Southern Union has been such an integral part of this area and has meant so much to so many people. It is my honor to serve as president of this institution."

Drake Automotive Program Receives Certification

Drake State Technical College's automotive mechanics program recently received certification by NATEF and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence in eight service areas, making the program ASE Master certified.

The eight service areas of certification were: brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, suspension and steering, automotive transmission and transaxle, engine repair, heating and air conditioning, and manual drive train and axles.

"I am proud of the many accomplishments of the automotive mechanics program, but especially this one," stated Drake President, **Dr. Helen McAlpine**. "This certification enhances the credibility of our program and postures our students to be more competitive in the workforce."

Drake automotive instructor, **Scotty McLaughlin**, worked to prepare his program area for the evaluation by NATEF.

In order to achieve this certification, Drake's automotive mechanics program was evaluated and reviewed by strict industry standards. ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to certifying automotive training programs.

Bevill State Instructor Receives Grant



Ken Swinney, Engineering and Physics instructor at Bevill State Community College, was awarded a

\$2,200 grant to attend the American Society of Engineering Educators (ASEE) Pre-Conference Workshop, "What Do Our Students REALLY Know? A Workshop in Informed Design and Action Research," held June 17-21 in Chicago. Only 50 percent of those who applied were accepted.

The workshop was sponsored by the National Science Foundation through the New York State

Professional Development Collaborative and Hofstra University. It brought together teams of one college professor and one high school teacher in math, science, engineering or technology to incorporate the technique learned at the workshop into the project submitted by the applicants.

Swinney's project proposal included a description of the "Rocket Car," a project already in use for freshman engineering classes at Bevill State. His plans are to develop this project for high school physics and senior math classes. Students will work through the material at their high school, then bring the rocket cars to Bevill State for an inter-high school competition.

Focusing on Accomplishments

Calhoun's Keenum Recognized as Coach of the Year

The Alabama Community College Conference named Calhoun Community College Softball Coach **Nancy Keenum** 2006 "Coach of the Year" following the Lady Warhawks 33-14 record in its first season of play since Calhoun reinstated athletics last year.

Keenum, who also serves as Calhoun's athletic director, has enjoyed a long and very successful career of coaching at Calhoun. In addition to coaching both slow-pitch and fast-pitch women's softball, Keenum has also coached tennis and women's basketball.

Keenum and her Lady Warhawks softball team finished regular season play second in the conference's Northern Division.

Lawson State Dedicates Ward Technology Building

Technology has a new place to thrive at Lawson State Community College. The **Perry W. Ward** Advanced Technology Building, named for Lawson's current president, was officially dedicated April 28.

A number of local and state governmental and educational officials witnessed the moment in the college's history.

The \$10 million building houses the Alabama Center for Advanced Technology and Training, which will provide highly developed training in existing and emerging tech-

nologies. The facility includes state-of-the-art distance-learning components, offices, classrooms, conference rooms, a technology theatre, an archives room, guest/visitor rooms, and technology exhibition spaces.



Officials cut the ribbon to the new Perry W. Ward Advanced Technology Center

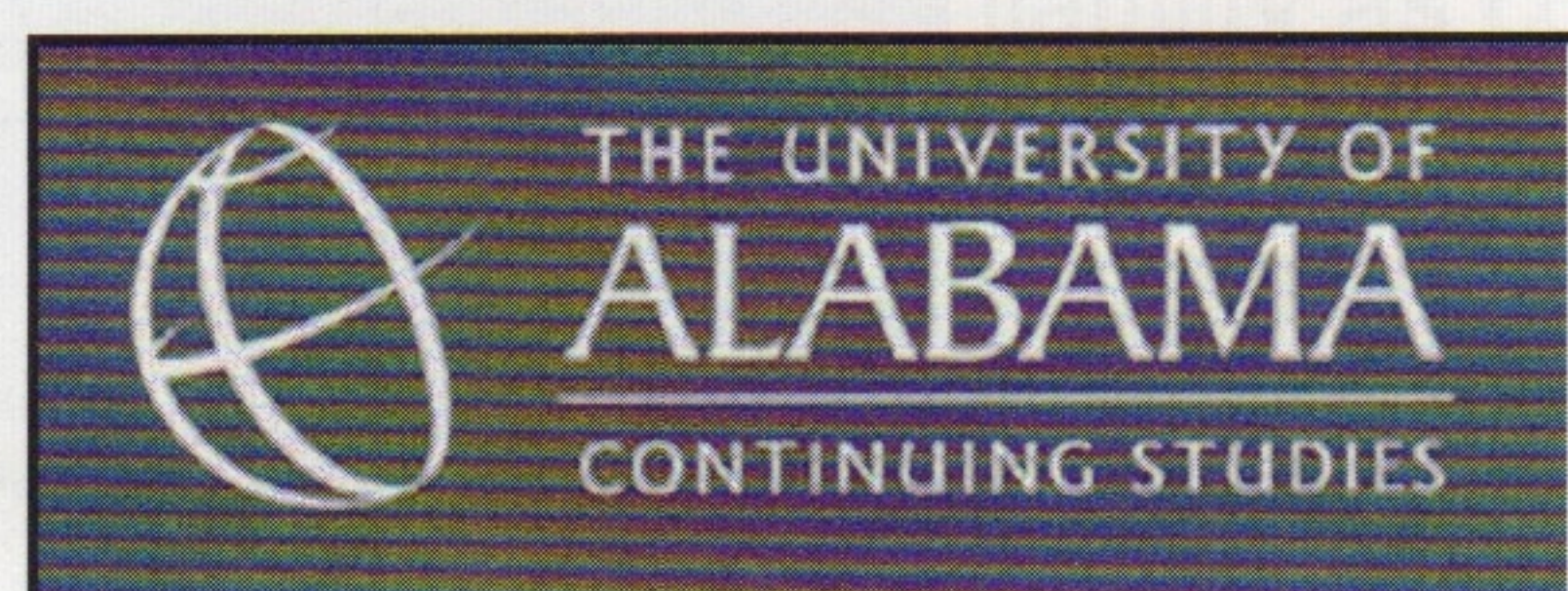
Snead State Rises in Enrollment

Since 2002, Snead State Community College has enjoyed a dramatic increase in enrollment.

Snead State has recorded a growth in enrollment for 12 consecutive semesters, making it the only community college in the state to accomplish this goal. Ten semesters ago, Snead State enrolled about 1,600 students, and currently enrollment is approaching 2,200 students.

"We're very proud of this achievement. The fact that more and more students are choosing Snead State to receive their education is evidence we are meeting their needs with our mission, our philosophy, and our programs," said Snead State Interim President **Lavell Thrasher**.

"Our students are our customers and the purpose of our work. We have kept them in the center of our decision-making process, and they have shown their appreciation by telling others about their experience with the College. This, I believe, has been the key factor in the unprecedented growth of the College in recent years," said Snead State Vice President **Dr. Allen B. Champion**.



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Focusing on the Conference

President's Message



Dr. Linda Hooton
ACA President
Jefferson State Community College

Having the right information keeps you focused. Providing information is an important part of The Alabama College Association's mission. For example, through the ACA Journal there is information about new developments at our member institutions, accomplishments made by the employees of our system, and the services offered by our affiliate members. At our annual conference there is information about issues that affect us as educators, new techniques that benefit our students, and information that comes directly from fellow employees in the Alabama College System. Now, with the introduction of our new website, all the information of ACA is available to you on a continual basis.

I invite you to visit our website and see all the resources that can be found there. We will use the site to provide you with the latest news about the association as well as the annual conference, scheduled for November 19 through 21 in Birmingham. You will be able to see information about conference speakers, scheduled workshops, association meetings, and even receive the latest conference registration and hotel information. The website is the place for all ACA information.

Once you have had a chance to view the website, I am sure you will be a frequent visitor. The information located there is a valuable resource. Having the right information keeps us all focusing on the future.

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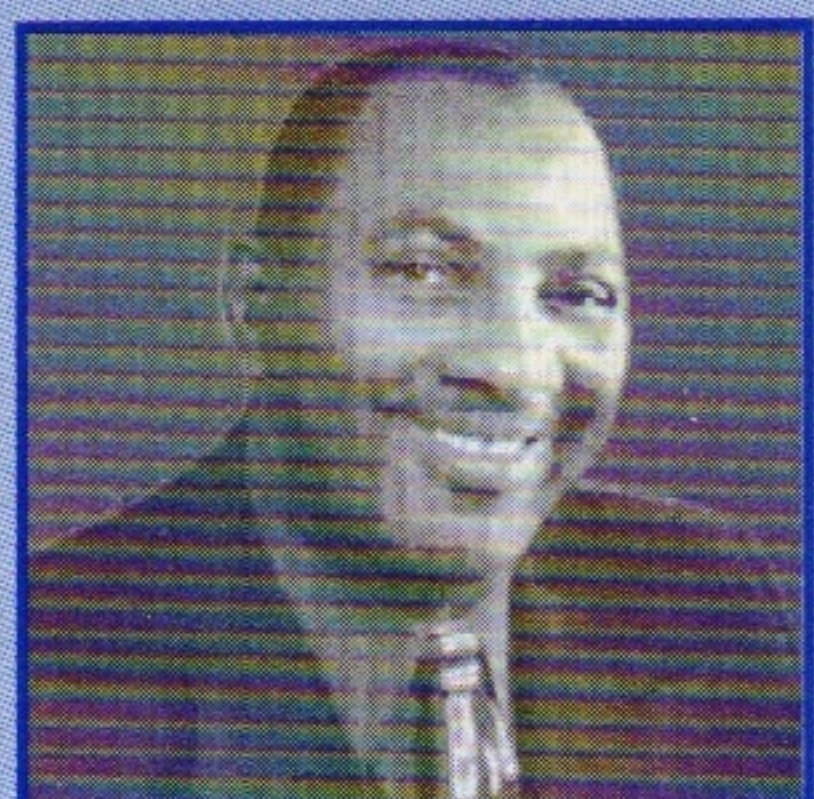
Please use one institutional P.O. with your registration form. For updated information on the conference, visit the Alabama College Association's website at www.alabamacollegeassociation.org.



General Session Speaker

***Emily Stover DeRocco, Assistant Secretary
Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor***
Workforce Development Trends and Issues

Commision Speakers



Commission on Administration Speaker — *Edward J. Valeau, President, Hartnell College*

The purpose of this workshop is to identify and collaboratively examine the challenges the ACS faces in the future and to discuss the leadership characteristics and forces needed to address emerging and growing needs of the system related to change in student preparation, demographic shifts, international education, diversity, and workforce development. Participants will engage in discussion related to challenges, identify/prioritize 3-5 major strategies to address future and emerging trends, and form a greater appreciation for their roles as leaders in ACS.



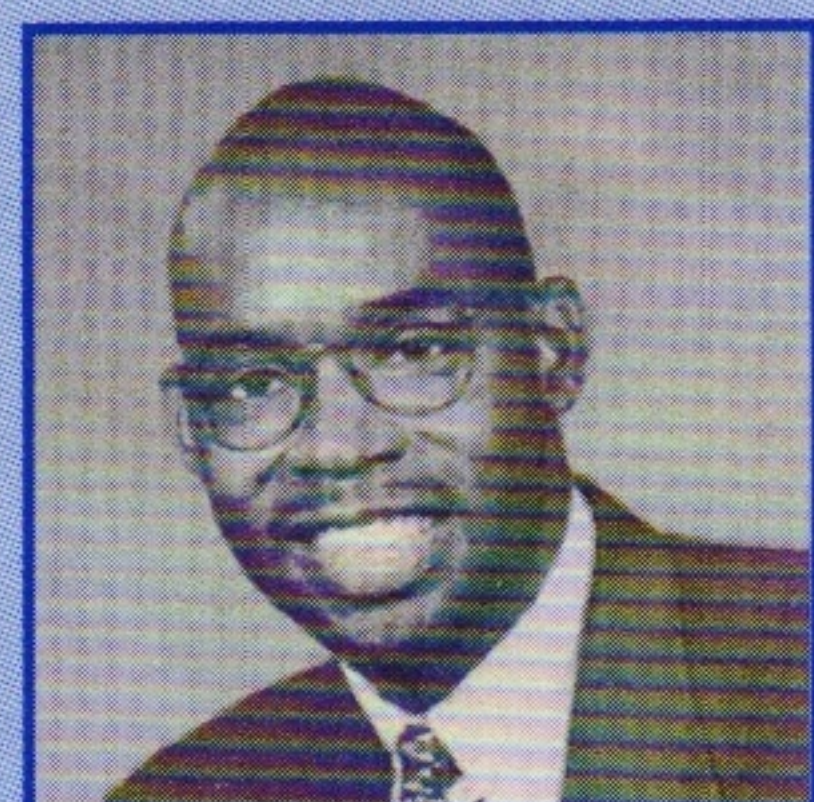
Commission on Faculty Speaker — *Dr. Jo Marshall, President of Somerset Community College*

From the Classroom to the Board Room: A Personal Journey. A dedicated faculty is a college's most valuable resource. When faculty participates in creating vision and goals for the college, the students reap the rewards. Leaders must have an understanding of the shared vision and inspire others to work in a climate of trust and inclusivity. This interactive session will explore an approach to leadership that has proved effective in Marshall's experience as a college administrator and president.



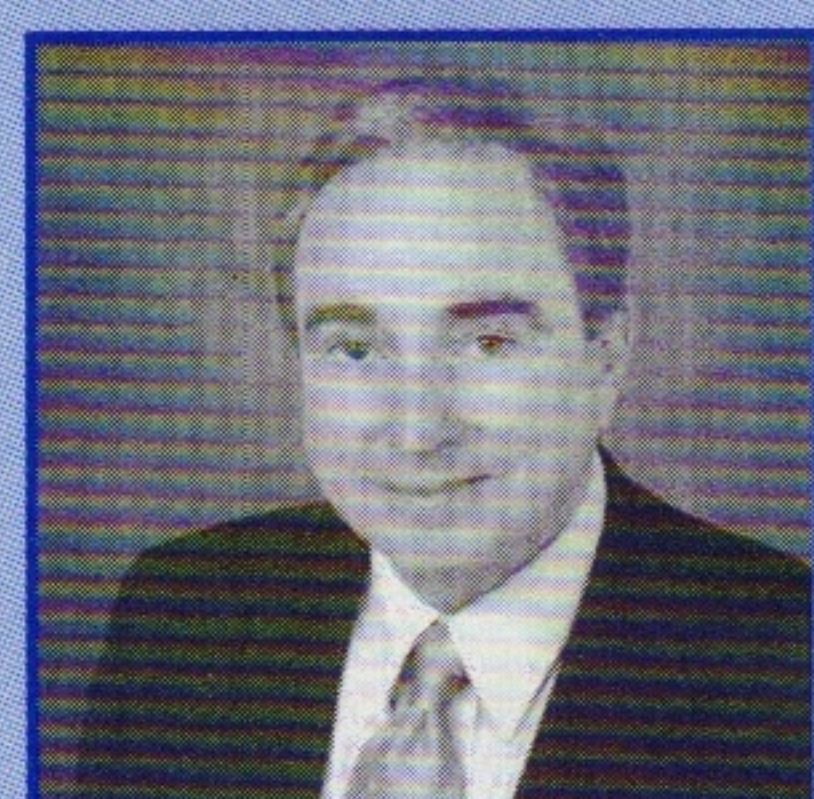
Commission on Students Speaker — *Dr. D. Parker Young, Professor Emeritus, The University of Georgia*

Higher Education and the Law: Current Legal Issues Relating to Student Affairs and Other Liability Issues. For the readers of The College Student and the Courts and The College Administrator and the Courts, it is apparent that our daily routines are influenced greatly by our litigious society. Dr. Young will give an update of current legal issues relating to student affairs and to our personal liability as college educators.



Commission on Support Speaker — *Greg Gray, Renaissance Unlimited*

Desperately Seeking Service - In this program, you will be taken through a series of funny and thought provoking real world service experiences, and will be encouraged to look at them through the eyes of the customer. Along the way, you'll be challenged to look at the external and internal customer service you're providing, and learn why "satisfaction" is yesterday's goal.



Commission on Workforce Development Speaker — *Dr. Tim Alford, Director, Office of Workforce Development*

An Overview of Workforce Development in Alabama - For professionals dealing with the current and emerging trends of workforce development in the state, this session will provide an overview of the work being done by the Office of Workforce Development, and the issues facing Alabama when it comes to preparing a highly trained workforce.

Focusing on Student Success

Dog is GSCC Student's Best Friend

Amanda Coffey of Gadsden was just one of a number of students to receive a diploma at Gadsden State Community College's graduation exercises in May, but there was one major difference. When she received her diploma, she was not alone. Accompanying her was Barney, her guide dog. Amanda, who is legally blind, has had Barney for two and one-half years.

During her two-semester Massage Therapy program, Amanda missed only one day of classes and that was so she and Barney could attend a meeting of Southeast Guide Dogs in Florida. Amanda calls Barney "one of the biggest blessings I've ever had.....he's a gift from God."

During class, Barney sat calmly beside Amanda and then led her out of the class when it finished. During massages, he is under the table or right next to it and Amanda says, "I have to walk around him." She explained Barney was sort of an "icebreaker" for the class and quickly became extremely popular and other students wanted to know where Barney was on the rare occasions when he wasn't with her.

Josh Olander, one of Amanda's instructors, says she always got "A's" in his courses and "she is one of the best students to come out of the Gadsden program." He added that her disability didn't hamper her at all. Amanda quipped that she had an advantage toward the end of the course when students had to do massages blindfolded.

Amanda, who has carried a full load to graduate in just two semesters, also has a busy life away from Gadsden State. She is home-schooling her two children, ages 16 and 13.

When Amanda's name was called as she came to accept her diploma, Barney's name was called too.



Amanda Coffey and "Barney" at graduation with Dr. Renee Culverhouse

LBWCC Students Outstanding at Competitions

LBWCC students **Donnie Douglas** of Opp, **Bonnie Pope** of Goshen, and **Angie Finkel** of Baker, FL received medals at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City.

Douglas received the postsecondary gold medal in Computer Programming, Pope the post secondary bronze medal in Job Skill Demonstration, and Angie Finkel the postsecondary bronze medal in First Aid-CPR.

At the National Competition, LBWCC students competed in seven competitions: Computer Programming, Health Knowledge Bowl, CPR-First Aid, Job Skill Demonstration, Technical Computer Applications, Automotive Service Technology, and Diesel Mechanics. LBWCC students placed in the top 10 in five of the seven competitions and won more medals than any other Alabama two-year college.

At the April state competition in Birmingham, LBWCC had 14 students receive medals.

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CACC athletics on top in the State

The Central Alabama Community College athletic programs enjoyed another successful year.

The women's softball team captured their 8th state title in the last 10 years under the leadership of head coach **Greg Shivers**, earning a 15th seed in the national tournament.

The men and women's tennis teams also defended their state championships from a year ago with first place finishes in their tournament. Head coach **Kathleen Thompson** has led both teams to five consecutive national tournament appearances with the women's team finishing 11th and the men's finishing 15th.

The golf program claimed their first state title since 2001 and finished 7th in the national tournament under head coach **Dave Jennings**.

In addition to the on-field accomplishments, the baseball and golf teams finished the year ranked in the top ten nationally in team GPA, finishing with a 3.69.

Jefferson State Softball Players Represent USA in Peru

The Jefferson State fast-pitch softball team traveled to Peru recently to represent the United States in competition through the USA Athletics International Organization.

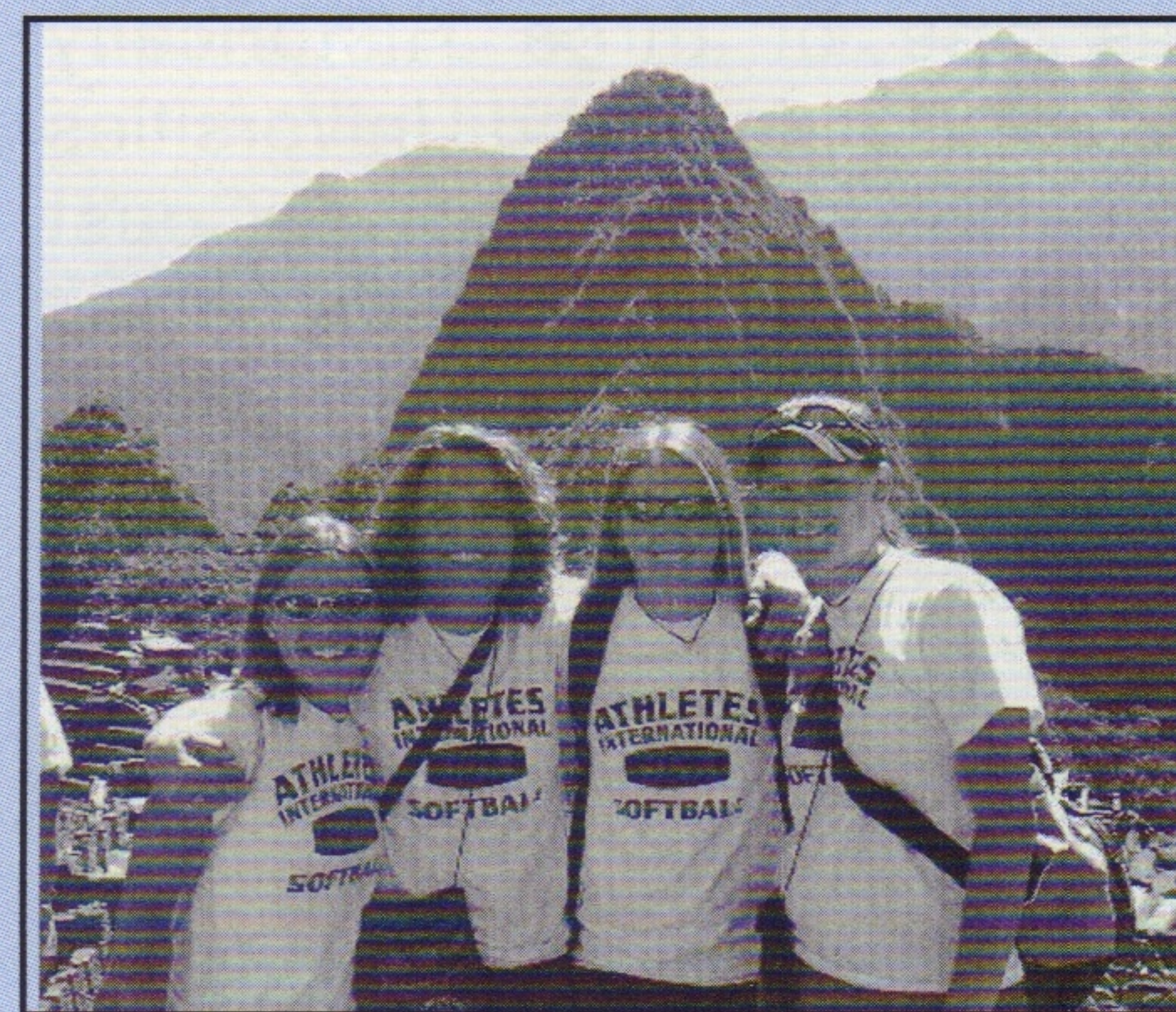
During the 10 day trip, the team competed and also conducted softball clinics to help teach and promote fast-pitch softball to youth in Peru. The clinics, under the direction of Jefferson State Coaches **Cammie Hallmark**, **Terry Smith** and **Rickey Jones**, taught every aspect of the game to Peru players.

"The clinics were as important as the competition," said Jefferson State Sophomore **Heather Clements**. "The kids were so eager to learn and seemed to never get enough... it was an experience of a lifetime."

During the tournament, the Lady Pioneers won the final game versus the Peruvian National Team 1-0 and finished the competition undefeated.

During their free time, the team traveled 13,000 feet above sea level to Cuzco Peru where they had the opportunity to visit the Sacred Valley, Ollantaytambo and Machu Picchu.

"Having the opportunity to compete internationally was an incredible experience for our team," said Hallmark. "Having the opportunity to stand on top of Machu Picchu with my players and see the amazement in their faces was one of the greatest experiences in my coaching career."



Jefferson State students in Peru



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Focusing on Partnerships

Faulkner State Hosts Shelter Press Conference

Gov. Bob Riley recently announced a joint effort between the state and the two-year college system to provide hurricane shelters for the state. The announcement came at a press conference held at Faulkner State Community College.

The plan is to use existing facilities at specified college locations during hurricane evacuations. Faulkner State has already received four FEMA

pods containing emergency supplies sufficient to meet the immediate needs of approximately 1,000 people. The initiative provides evacuees with basic services such as showers, and cafeteria food which most of the two year colleges can readily provide.

Representatives from state and local EMA, state and local Red Cross, and the State Department of Postsecondary Education also participated in the press

conference. The Red Cross will be instrumental in managing the shelters as soon as the decision is made to open them.

Dr. Gary Branch, president of Faulkner State calling the governor "truly visionary" said that the college's faculty and staff are proud of the role that they will play in that vision.

Shelton State Receives Grant from Labor Department

Shelton State Community College, through its C.A. Fredd Campus, has been selected as one of three Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the Gulf Coast Region to receive a grant designated it to train displaced and unemployed workers in the hardest-hit hurricane areas.

Shelton State Community College will receive \$99,500 to provide hurricane evacuees and unemployed individuals the skills

necessary for re-employment.

The grant would utilize Shelton State's Workforce Development Center's established education and job training programs as a resource to help displaced workers and unemployed individuals in the Black Belt area gain the skills needed to find new jobs.

Shelton State Community College's efforts will be concentrated on providing technical skills in manufacturing, particularly for the

local automotive industry. The grant also utilizes programs on the C.A. Fredd Campus as part of the HBCUs status.

Dr. Rick Rogers, president of Shelton State Community College said, "We are honored the Department of Labor has chosen Shelton State and our West Alabama Center for Workforce Development as a recipient of this grant."



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Focusing on Partnerships

ATN Receives Grant to Assist Shipbuilding Industry

The Alabama Technology Network (ATN) has been awarded a \$750,000 grant by the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program to assist shipbuilders in the Gulf Coast region hard hit by Hurricane Katrina.

Specifically, ATN will address one of the most pressing challenges facing the shipbuilding industry along Alabama's Gulf Coast, namely the lack of a skilled and trained workforce necessary to meet customer demand. The lack of a sufficient number of available educated and technically skilled workers for the shipbuilding industry is now threatening the industry's ability to secure contracts and its ability to remain a viable industry in the Gulf Coast region.

To address the now critical shortage of technically skilled workers that are available to Gulf Coast shipbuilders, ATN is developing a new regional approach built on an industry-wide cooperative model. The project includes four major goals, each of which is linked to the other three. These are: to assist coastal shipbuilders in

increasing productivity, save jobs, increase sales and reduce hiring costs through implementation of a worker sharing program; to assist coastal shipbuilders in increasing productivity and improving competitiveness by expanding the number of technically skilled workers through assessment of workers based on industry accepted skills standards, the provision of skills "gap" worker training, and the implementation of a shipbuilding careers marketing program; to establish a membership-based, regional cooperative group of shipbuilding companies, vendors, educational institutions and economic developers as a non-profit Gulf Coast Shipbuilders Consortium to sustain the programs developed under the grant, promote the shipbuilding industry, and address other industry issues that impact competitiveness; and to formalize and publish the results of the project so that the program can be replicated in other manufacturing industries and business sectors.

The Alabama Technology Network of the Alabama College System links two-year colleges, the University of Alabama System,

Auburn University and the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama to solve the needs of industry.

Each center tailors its services to meet local needs, providing innovative and cost-effective solutions to enable Alabama's existing industry to be globally competitive. The network is Alabama's affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, which provides hands-on assistance and training to smaller manufacturers.

Reid State Receives Grant

Reid State Technical College has been awarded a Human Resources and Services Administration grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration. The federal grant award of \$87,549 will provide tuition and fees for disadvantaged students enrolled in licensed practical nursing, nursing assistant, or phlebotomy courses.

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Focusing on the Future

CVCC Plans for Growth

Chattahoochee Valley Community College is preparing for the future not only with the community in mind but with the community at the helm of the college's plans.

As CVCC's enrollment increases, college is space limited. More instructional space is essential to expand existing programs. This prompted **Dr. Laurel Blackwell**, president of CVCC, to explore the idea of a Campus Master Plan.

Blackwell realized that the planning process needed to include as many voices and viewpoints as possible. "It just makes sense to ensure that we work collaboratively to develop a master plan...a community college, as indicated by our very name, is designed to serve the community," she explained.

Because of the importance of inclusion, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the entire community were all invited to a series of open forums conducted by Performa, a consulting firm hired to assist with the development of the Campus Master Plan.

After talks began in early spring, CVCC and Performa moved quickly. Performa returned in June to reveal two sketches. After faculty and staff review the sketches and provide feedback, the suggestions will be given to Performa for changes.

"By the end of the summer, the college will have developed a Master Plan that will guide CVCC's growth and planning for the next several years," Dr. Blackwell says.

Northeast Alabama Community College Hosts Showcase

NACC recently hosted the Alabama Band's Songwriters Showcase, an annual event held to raise money for the Big Oak Ranch for Children. Alabama Band performed at the Showcase including Randy Owen, a NACC graduate.

The Showcase is one of many events held in the college's state-of-the-art Tom Bevill Lyceum.

"We believe that providing cultural arts events for our community is part of our mission," stated NACC President **Dr. David Campbell**. "Including our theatre productions, we have approximately 25,000 people on our campus at these events each year."



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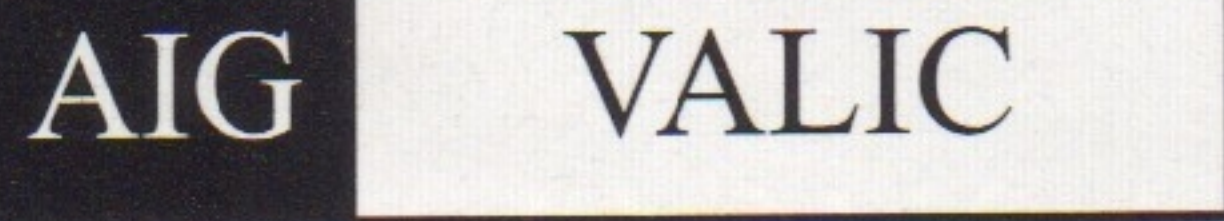


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Focusing on Achievement

ACA Briefs — Awards, Achievements, and Recognition

The University of Alabama hosted the sixth annual commencement luncheon and ceremonies for this year's Alabama Community College Leadership Academy Apr. 25. Graduates of this year's class include **Greg Aplin** and **Theresa Trawick**, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College; **Dr. Lance Boyd** and **Jennifer Hill**, Wallace State Community College - Hanceville; **Amy Brabham**, Wallace Community College - Dothan; **Mike Brackin** and **Jerry Laughlin**, Alabama Fire College; **Michele Bradford** and **James Johnson**, Gadsden State Community College; **Melinda Byrd-Murphy** and **Stephanie Etheridge**, Alabama Southern Community College; **Chris Franklin**, **Darlene Martin**, and **Tammi Turner**, Lawson State Community College; **Brian Gann**, Beville State Community College; **Marty Kirby**, Southern Union State Community College; **Linda Lunsford**, Faulkner State Community College; **Dr. Angela Lusk**, Snead State Community College; **Dianne Pace**, Northwest-Shoals Community College; **Marilyn Reece**, Northeast Alabama Community College; **Tommy Taylor**, Shelton State Community College; **Bob Welling**, Jefferson Davis Community College; and **Vickie Williams**, Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

Paula Borden Byrd, Project Engineer, at Alabama Technology Network (ATN) office located on the Alabama Southern Community College Campus in Thomasville, has completed all requirements for certification as an Associate Safety Professional (ASP).

Calhoun Community College history instructor and program leader **Michael Kinney** recently presented at the Annual Council on America's Military Past History conference in Chattanooga, TN. Dr. Kinney presented on the topic, *Joseph Wheeler: Statesman, Warrior, and Peacemaker for the Spanish-American War*.

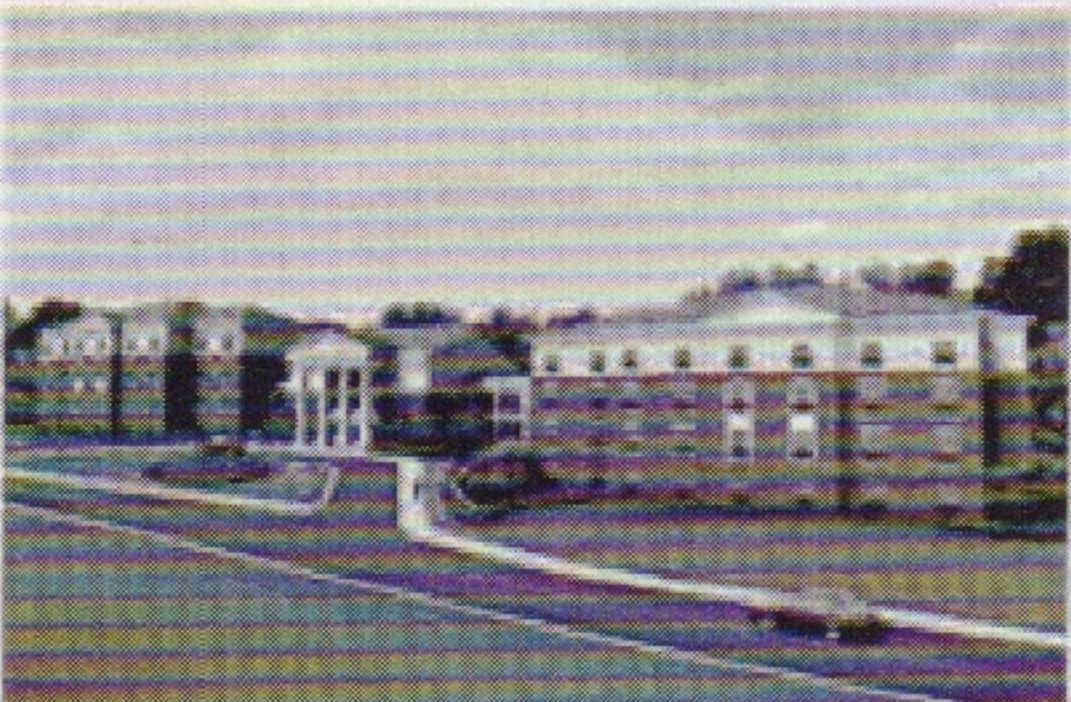
Kelvin Brown, Automotive Body Refinishing instructor at Beville State Community College recently received the ICAR Instructor of the Year Award for the Southeast Region.

Dr. Deborah Marcus, dean of Administrative Services, Alabama Technology Network, recently passed the national HRCI exam for the Professional Human Resources (PHR) certification. The Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI) is the leading independent, internationally recognized certifying body for the HR profession. HRCI certifications require professionals to demonstrate their expertise in the core principles of HR practice and the application of those principles.

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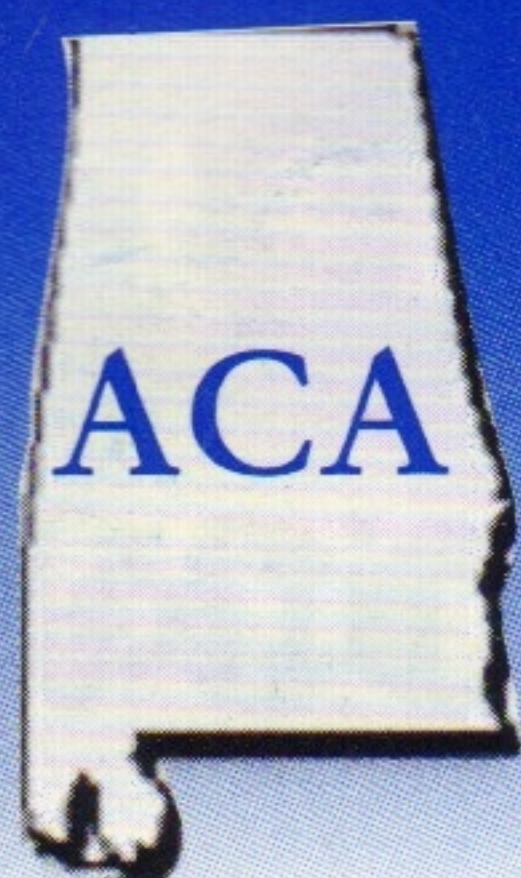


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Tentative Conference Agenda

Sunday, November 19, 2006

12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.		Registration
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	.....	Facilitators Workshop
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	.....	Cosmetology Workshop
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	.....	Association Meetings
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	.....	Chancellor's Awards
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	.....	Chancellor's Reception

Monday, November 20, 2006

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	.....	Registration
7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	.....	Facilitators Workshop
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	.....	Vendor Expo
8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	.....	Light Breakfast Provided
8:20 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	.....	Newcomers' Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	.....	Workshops
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	.....	Vendor Expo/Break
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	.....	First General Session
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	.....	Light Lunch Provided
1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	.....	Commission Meetings
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	.....	Workshops
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	.....	Workshops
8:00 p.m. - Midnight	.....	ACA Dance

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	.....	Light Breakfast Provided
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	.....	Vendor Expo
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.		Workshops
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.		Break
9:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.		Second General Session
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